

EXHIBIT A

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- You have the opportunity to avoid wage garnishment by immediately remitting the balance in full or by entering into a written repayment arrangement with Pioneer Credit Recovery to establish a satisfactory schedule for the repayment of this debt. To obtain information on entering into a repayment agreement, call 1-877-907-1804 and ask for Pioneer Credit Recovery, Inc. wage garnishment department.
- You have the right to object the proposed garnishment, and you have an opportunity for a hearing on your objection. You may raise as objection: (1) the existence of the debt; (2) the amount of the debt; or (3) that making installment payments in the amount equal to 15% of your disposable pay, or having payments in that amount withheld from your disposable pay would constitute an extreme financial hardship.
- An employer may not discharge you, refuse to employ you, or take disciplinary action against you as a result of this proposed action or the existence of an Order for Withholding. If an employer takes any of these actions, you may sue that employer in a state or federal court for reinstatement, back pay, attorney's fees, and punitive damages.
- If you document that you have been involuntarily separated from employment, United Student Aid Funds will not garnish your wages until you have been re-employed continuously for twelve (12) months. If you wish to claim this exemption from wage garnishment, you need to complete Part II of the enclosed "Request for Hearing" form and send us written proof that you qualify for the exemption on or before the 20th day. Satisfactory written proof is the following: documents from the Employment Commission of the state that you were employed in (or a similar agency in another state) indicating your entitled to unemployment compensation, and a statement from your present employer indicating the date you began work at your present job. If you are not covered under a state's unemployment program (even if involuntarily separated from employment), you must provide a statement to that effect from the state unemployment agency. Failure to provide written proof may result in your claim of exemption being rejected as unsubstantiated.

How to request a hearing:

- Complete the enclosed form and return it to Pioneer Credit Recovery, Inc. on or before the 20th day. Mail your Hearing Request to PO Box 100, 26 Edward Street Arcade, NY 14009. Please write "Wage Garnishment Appeal Enclosed" on the envelope. Unless you specifically request an in-person or telephone hearing, the hearing will be a review of your written statement on the enclosed "Request for Hearing" form and all relevant documents. We will advise you when, where, and how your hearing will be held.
- Pioneer Credit Recovery must receive your written request for a hearing on or before the 20th day in order to prevent a Withholding Order from being issued to your employer. If you miss this deadline, you will still receive a hearing, but the hearing will not take place prior to the issuance of a Withholding Order to your employer. You must make your request for a hearing in writing. Telephone requests will not be honored.

Your hearing may take place in one of three ways:

- In writing: An independent hearing officer will review your written statement and any supporting documentation and decide whether or not your debt is subject to wage withholding, and the amount of that withholding:
- By phone: A conference call will be set up between you, Pioneer Credit Recovery, and the hearing officer; or
- In person: If you request a hearing in person, it will be heard at 665 Main Street, Suite 400, Buffalo, NY 14203, and you must pay your own expenses to appear at this hearing.

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INSTRUCTIONS

front and back of all checks, money orders, and any receipts showing payments made to the holder of the loan.)

☐ I am making payments on this loan as required under the repayment agreement I reached with the holder of the loan. (Enclose copies of the repayment agreement and copies of the front and back of checks where you paid on the agreement.)

☐ Garnishment of 15% of my disposable pay would result in an extreme financial hardship. (You will be mailed financial disclosure forms that you should complete and return to support your claim, along with copies of all documentation required to support your claims on those forms. The hearing official will make a determination of the amounts you should pay based on a review of the financial disclosure forms and any documentation you submit.)

☐ I filed for bankruptcy and my case is still open. (Enclose copies of any document from the court that shows the date that you filed, the name of the court, and your case number.)

☐ This loan was discharged in bankruptcy. (Enclose copies of loan discharge order and the schedule of debts filed with the court.)

☐ The borrower has died. (Enclose copy of borrowers Death Certificate.)

☐ I am totally and permanently disabled (unable to work and earn money because of an impairment that is expected to continue indefinitely or result in death.) I request an application for discharge of my loan for this reason.

☐ I used this loan to enroll in _____ (name of school) on or about ____/____/____, and could not complete my educational program because the school closed while I was enrolled or not later than 90 days after I withdrew. I request an application for discharge of my loan for this reason.

☐ I did not have a high school diploma or GED when I enrolled at the school I attended when receiving this loan, and I believe the school did not properly test my ability to benefit from the program. I request an application for discharge of my loan for this reason.

☐ When I borrowed this loan to attend _____ (name of school), I had a condition (physical, mental, age, criminal record) that prevented me from meeting state requirements for performing the occupation for which I received training at the school. I request an application for discharge of my loan for this reason.

☐ I believe that a representative of _____ (name of school) signed my name without permission on the loan application, promissory note, loan check(s), or authorization for my loan to be disbursed by electronic funds transfer or master check. I request an application for discharge of my loan for this reason.

☐ This is not my Social Security Number, and I do not owe this loan. (Enclose a copy of your driver's license or other identification issued by a federal, state, or local government agency, and a copy of your Social Security Card.)

☐ I believe that this loan is not an enforceable debt in the amount stated for the reasons explained in the attached letter. (Attach a letter with any supporting documentation explaining any reason other than those listed above for your objection to collection of this loan amount by garnishment of your salary.)

PART III. I SWEAR under penalty of perjury that the statements I have made on this request are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

DATE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

RETURN THIS FORM TO:

Pioneer Credit Recovery, Inc.
P.O. Box 158

Important information can be found on the next page ...

Arcade NY 14009

_____ This is an attempt, by a debt collector, to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

_____ As of the date of this letter, you owe the balance shown on this letter. Because your credit agreement may require you to pay interest on the outstanding portion of your balance, as well as late charges and costs of recovery, which vary from day to day, as you agreed in your credit agreement, the amount required to pay your account in full on the day you send payment may be greater than the amount stated here. If you pay the amount stated here, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your payment. In that event, we will notify you of any adjustment in your balance. We encourage you to call prior to making a payment intended to pay your account in full. Please contact us at the address on this letter or call the number listed above.

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